

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicants believe that all claims are readable on the elected species as claim 1 specifies providing "at least one correction coil" and using the correction coil "to reduce lower order harmonics". Claim 8 recites providing "at least one set of correction coils" which is encompassed by "at least one correction coil" as recited in claim 1. Claim 8 also specifies reducing first and second order harmonics which is likewise encompassed within "lower order harmonics" as set forth in claim 1. The same would be true with respect to claims 14 and 16 and 15 and 17. Moreover, the repeating steps of claims 14 and 16 would seem to be encompassed within claim 1 as claim 1 recites a method "comprising" the method steps recited in claim 1 and is therefore open ended. The same would be true with respect to claims 15 and 17.

Moreover, Applicants further believe that any search for the species embodied in claims 1-7 would necessarily include a search of the species embodied in the remaining claims 8-17 (Species B-D). Thus, the simultaneous search for all the species is believed not to constitute an unreasonable search for the Patent Examiner.

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In addition, it is believed that the objectives of streamlined examination and compact prosecution would be promoted if a search were conducted simultaneously for all of the species. Also, the necessity of filing multiple patent applications in this case does not serve to promote the public interest because of the extra expense that is involved, in filing fees and examination costs, as well as the burden upon the public due to the necessity of searching through a multiplicity of patent files in order to find the complete range of subject matter claimed in several different patents that could otherwise be found in one issued patent only.

Applicants reserve the right to file a divisional patent application for the non-elected species.

For all of these reasons, it is respectfully requested that the restriction requirement under 35 U.S.C. §121 be withdrawn and that an action on the merits of all the claims be rendered.

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